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Kennedy Told of Cuba Plan, Seaton Says

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WASHINGTON — A former Eisenhower cabinet officer said Saturday that he had been told by the White House in 1960 that President Kennedy was then aware of the secret Cuban invasion preparations.

Fred A. Seaton, who was Secretary of the Interior at the time, supported former Vice President Nixon's version of the now-disputed point.

Seaton, speaking from his home in Hastings, Neb., said he called the White House at Nixon's request on Oct. 20, 1960, and asked "whether Kennedy had been briefed on the covert operation in Cuba, and the answer came back to me that he had."